

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/SE 2004/001200

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: A24F 23/04

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC7: A24F, B65D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

WPI DATA, EPO-INTERNAL, PAJ

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	THE NORTHERNER. "Combi Lid for Tobacco Snuff Cans" In: <a href="http://web.archive.org/web/20030622151258/www.norherner.com/products/swm8810.html">http://web.archive.org/web/20030622151258/www.norherner.com/products/swm8810.html</a> . Askim, Sweden, 22 June 2003 --	1-3,5
L,A	SWEDISH MATCH, "Kombilock", In: <a href="http://www.tilbudet.nu/kombilock.jpg">http://www.tilbudet.nu/kombilock.jpg</a> --	1-3,5
A	SWEDISH MATCH. "Framtidens portionssnus - med dubbellock för att motverka nedskräpning" In: <a href="http://www.swedishmatch.com">www.swedishmatch.com</a> . Pressrelease, 07 April 2003 --	1-3,5

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☒ See patent family annex.

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PCT/SE 2004/001200**Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 4  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:  
  
see next sheet
  
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

**Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)**

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
  
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

**Remark on Protest**

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

Present claim 4 relates to a snuff-box defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely that all parts are suited for filling, assembling and sealing on automated machines. The claim covers all products having this characteristic, whereas the application within the meaning of Article 5 PCT lacks support for such products.

Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the product by reference to a result to be achieved. This lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible

Consequently, claim 4 has not been searched.

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Information on patent family members

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